Digital Library

*107. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government propose to establish a digital library for documenting traditional knowledge;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) to (c) The Government is establishing a Traditional Knowledge Deigital Library (TKDL) covering about 35,000 formulations contained in 14 Ayurvedic texts. The Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) for 35,000 formulations will be completed by December, 2002.

Urban Development Reforms

*108. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to during radical reforms to make civic bodies self-sufficient and self-reliant;

(b) if so, whether a meeting of Housing and Urban Development Ministers of all States was held in the month of June, 2002 to discuss the urban Development reforms;

(c) if so, the main decisions taken in the meeting; and

(d) the steps being taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) In order to make the civic bodies self-sufficient and effective, the Minister of Urban Development & Proverty Alleviation has taken the following initiatives for reforms in the urban sector:—

(i) URBAN REFORMS INCENTIVE FUND

In order to deal with the ever growing urban problems, in the Budget